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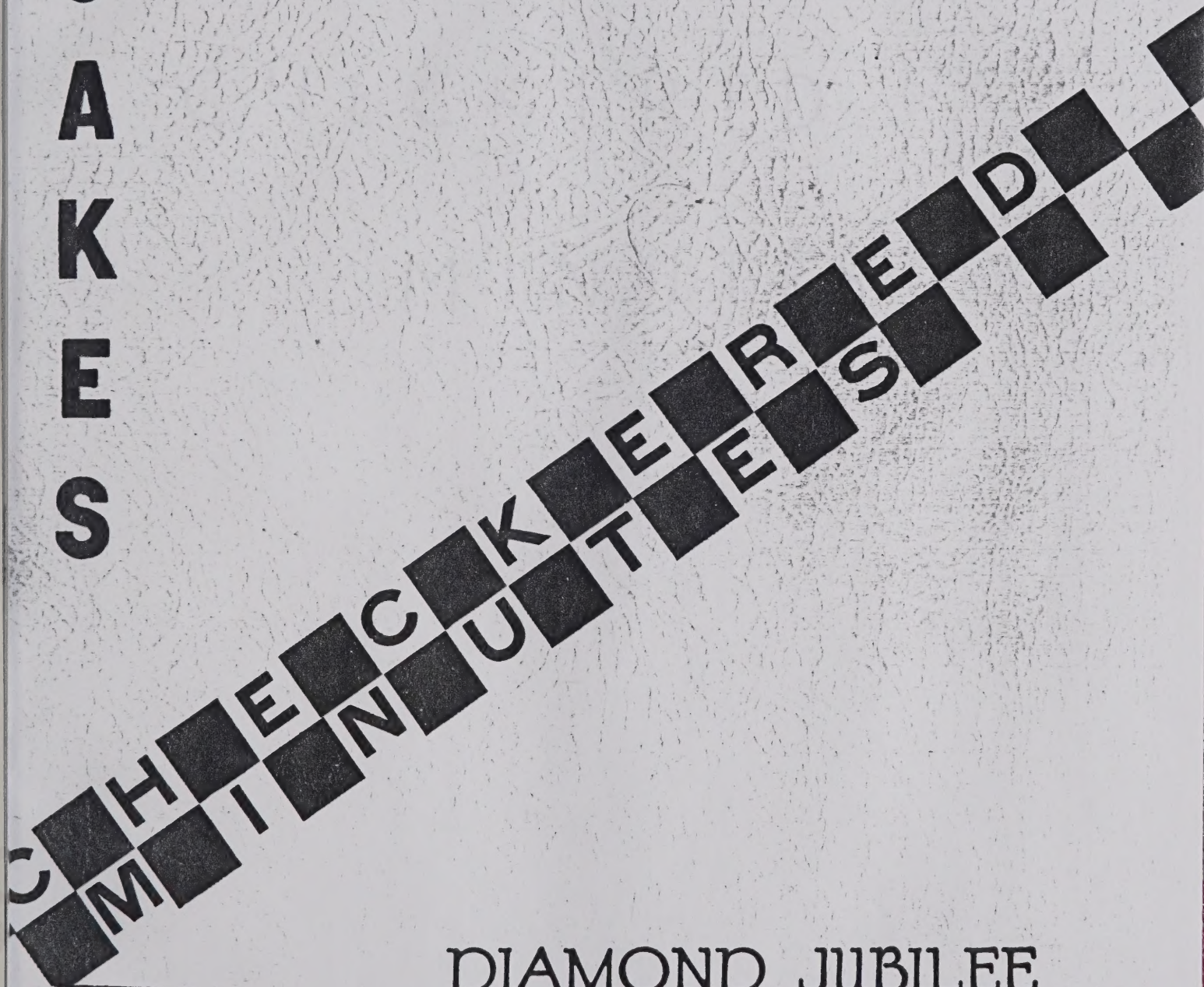
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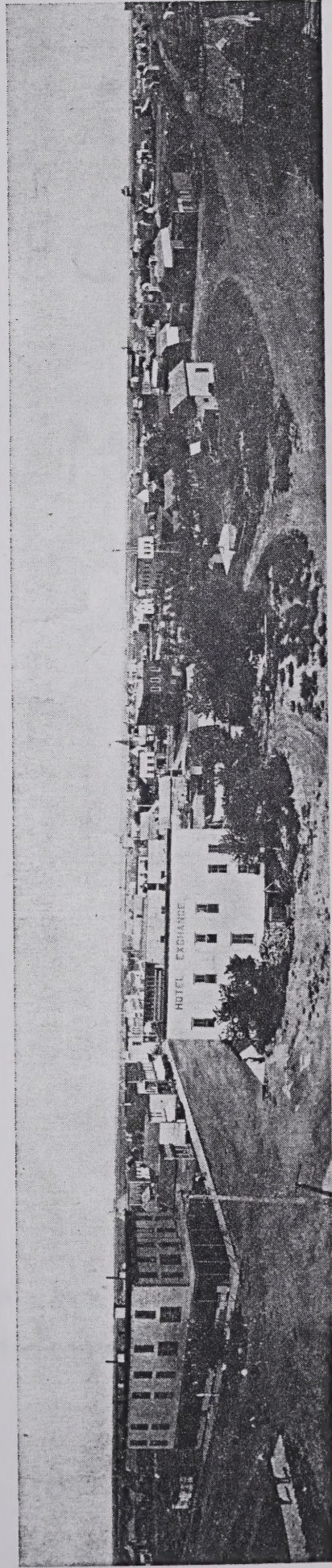


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This picture was taken in 1904 from the top of the round elevator located on the west end of Union Ave. The elevator was torn down in the fall of 1958. It was built by E. Blankenburg.

CHECKERED MINUTES

MRS. OTTO E. ELNER

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OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This motion was taken from our last minutes, that are printed in this book of May 1, 1961.

Motion made by Alderman Hugh Nichols and seconded by Alderman H. C. Petersen that the council is deeply grateful to Mrs. O. E. Elner for her untiring efforts in compiling and arranging the city council minutes into story or book form, and we wish publicly to thank her for this work and enter this motion in the regular proceeds of our minutes. Upon vote all voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, pioneers of Verner Township, Sargent County, who had come originally from Kansas in 1882, Mrs. Elner was born to a father who was Scotch Irish and a mother of English descent.

She was educated in the district school of the Verner township, the Oakes High School and the Valley City Normal. She taught the 5th grade in the Dickinson School for three years and the 6th grade in the Fargo Roosevelt School for two years. At the request of the Board of Education in Oakes, she came here to teach the 6th grade and supervise the elementary school music.

Now, married to Otto E. Elner, the couple has three daughters: Mrs. Genevieve Rife of Kinston, Rhode Island; Mrs. Margaret Jessie Frankel of Mexico City; and Mrs. Barbara Miller of Owatonna, Minnesota. Mrs. Elner has one brother, Clifford D. Mitchell, who is a dentist at Crookston, Minnesota. After her marriage, she taught country school for fourteen years, and was also a member of the Oakes Library Board for a number of years. At present Mrs. Elner is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star, and the first president of Chapter OPEO Sisterhood.

Mrs. Cynthia DuBois must also receive a large share of credit for the jubilee souvenir, "Checkered Minutes." It was her brain child. It was she who got it off the ground, as we say in this air and space age. Mrs. DuBois was a whole planning board in herself. Apparently indefatigable, she did an enormous amount of arranging work, and except for these two brief paragraphs, all typing and proof reading.

A salute to our city auditor, Mrs. Cynthia DuBois, from the mayor, the city council, the publishers and the writer!

PREFACE

This is the jubilee sovenir, "Checkered Minutes." It has been made largely from gleanings of auditors' books of the city council proceedings. Enjoyment and much information has come from reading the leather bound volumes drawn from the vault of the City Hall.

For the biographies and for some anecdotes we have leaned heavily on "History of Dickey County", lent by the Courtney Real Estate Co. and on "Christmas Number, 1906", which was borrowed from The Oakes Times. We turned also to the Oakes Public Library for material in their files. It had been placed there by librarians: Mrs. Alice Craig McGillis, Mrs. Stella Wilkins Christensen, Mrs. Jessie Mitchell Robinson, and Mrs. Helene Thomas Hample.

Our appreciation extends to all the above, and also to many individuals who have given us information.

C H E C K E R E D

M I N U T E S

CHAPTER 1

Oakes is now passing the seventy-fifth milestone of its existence. Unlike many North Dakota communities, Oakes was an infant whose birth, back in 1886, was planned. The North Western and Northern Pacific railroad companies, planning a conjunction of lines were looking for a town site.

In the month of May, 1886, W. K. Cook, the general right of way agent of the Northwestern, made his appearance. He was looking for a desirable location as he knew the junction of these two roads would make a good town. He camped for awhile to determine adaptability of the location. He knew he had never tasted such good water, and he realized that the natural lay of the land would afford excellent drainage.

It was here the site should be. On September 14, surveying was done and filing with the Register of Deeds was made on September 15 the same year.

Seventy-five years ago last May, there was not a house or building of any description in sight where Oakes now stands, other than the sod shanties of William Mills and John M. Jones. Mr. Mills had come to the region and filed on land before Mr. Jones. Mr. Mills had the Southeast quarter of section 20 for his homestead and the southwest of 21 for his tree claim. Mr. Jones had the two quarters exactly south. All four quarters came to a point at the crossing of what are now Union and Fourth streets. It is said that Mr. Jones received \$10,000 for his part, but the bargain of the railroad company with Mr. Mills was never told.

The town was laid out on a plateau on the east bank of the James River; a town site on a gravel bed which had excellent watertables, with water which proved to be 99.8 per cent pure.

The streets were laid out by the railroads' surveyors in a mathematically precise design, those streets being 80 feet wide instead of the customary 64. The day of the automobile found the city with streets ample for traffic and for parking purposes. The enterprise of those early railroad engineers has since proven most foresighted. The town was named for a railroad official, Thomas Fletcher Oakes, then general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, an honor befitting the community's parentage. Because of the sustained water table under Oakes, the town's residents have always been enthusiastic in their yard and garden beautification. In few communities of the northwest did victory gardens flourish as they did in Oakes, and in few others have you been able to find a comparable luxuriance of shrubbery, flowers, and shade trees.

The town really owes much to those railroad engineers. On September 14, 1886, surveying was done and filing with the Register of Deeds was made on September 15, 1886. The railroad companies had advertised the sale of town lots for September 29, 1886, but before that date people were coming to look up prospects for residence and business places in the town-to-be. Mr. George H. Ladd had put up a hotel, the first in Oakes. As the railroad companies would allow no one to locate on the town site until lots were publicly sold, Mr. Ladd had built outside, then as soon as he bought a lot there, he pulled his small building over on to second street.

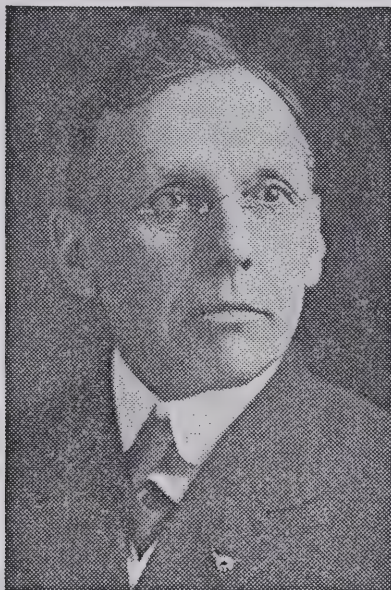
It was in another small building next to Mr. Ladd's hotel, that the first school in Oakes was held. Serving as teacher was Miss Belle Brainard, an aunt to Glenn Coleman-then unborn.

On that momentous day of the sale of town lots, P. S. Peabody was the first purchaser of a lot, paying \$250.00 for it. In an hour's time \$14,000 worth of lots were sold in amounts ranging from \$150.00 to \$355.00 each. Work was begun at once on buildings and by the time winter came, the area had a village-like appearance. Several buildings were moved in from other towns. Many were brought up from Hudson in the winter of '86 and '87, being hauled on the ice after the James River had frozen over.

It must be remembered that most of the people who rushed on to the site of Oakes in 1886 were young. It is not surprising then that the community celebrated July 4, 1887 in an appropriate manner. There was no organization of the city, so those pioneers must have gone up and down the village street passing the hat for a bit of financing.

Dr. Ernest R. Brownson, now of Fargo (1961), and who will be 91 years of age in May, wrote as follows of first Fourth celebration in Oakes. "It was a gala day. Every one took great pains to see that the other person was well treated. One man had a booth and furnished songs. One he sang more than any other. Its name was "Miss Fogerty's Christmas Cake". The crowd was highly entertained. Then there was a race track. Two men rigged up outfits for a chariot race, each with four horses well arranged. At the word 'Go' each driver laid on the black snake and all went well until one of the horses walked a quarter, trotted a quarter, and galloped the last one. There were also a number of contests and the whole day wound up with a dance. A really great day of fun!."

In the spring of 1888 City Officials were elected, Mr. Thomas F. Marshall becoming our first Mayor. The meeting of the first city council was Monday, June 4, 1888. Serving with the mayor were J. B. Root and D. Lynch as Alderman from the first ward. From the second ward were M. H. Roberts and A. Ritterbush, while from the third were J. F. McCarthy and Dr. H. P. Boardman. The other officers were J. W. Lucas, treasurer; A. G. Hemenway, city justice; R. S. Angell, police magistrate; E. W. Robey, city attorney; J. E. Spurling, city auditor, and also the first depot agent in Oakes; B. F. Roddle, chief of police; and E. G. Baldwin, city assessor. At that time a representative of the Fargo Argus was present to brief the men on necessary books and blanks with



HON. THOMAS FRANK MARSHALL
First Mayor of Oakes — 1888

Born in Hannibal, Mo. in 1854 and soon thereafter his father and family moved to Grant County, Wisconsin, where he received his education, majoring in civil engineering and surveying in the Platteville Normal.

After leaving Platteville Normal he located in Yankton, Dakota Territory about 1873. There he established a grocery store, but soon became interested in taking sub contracts to survey public lands, later became a prime contractor, which contracts he held until about 1900. Such surveying being running the township and section lines and marking the same.

In 1878 he married Eva Ellen Grigsby, a sister of Hon. Melvin Grigsby, of Rough Rider fame. They had no children. In 1883 he moved to Columbia and became interested in the bank there. When Oakes was started in 1886 several men from Columbia and New York organized the Bank of Oakes under a Dakota Territory charter, which opened for business Nov. 16, 1886.

In December, 1886 Mr. Marshall bought a material interest in the Bank of Oakes and was elected Cashier. Shortly afterward he and Mrs. Marshall moved to Oakes where they resided until his death in 1921.

In 1890 he and Mr. H. Clay McCartney bought all the outstanding stock of the Bank of Oakes and reorganized under a charter from the State of North Dakota. Mr. Marshall then became president, which office he held until his death. The Bank of Oakes was converted to the present First National Bank in 1902.

About 1899 he established the Golden Rule department store in Aberdeen under the management of his brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Huntington, and operated the same for about six or seven years and then sold to Eureka parties.

He owned a large interest in Washburn's Addition to Oakes, part of which he gave to the city where the park and ball grounds are today.

In 1902, he and Mr. H. Clay McCartney organized the Marshall McCartney Company, which corporation engaged in buying and selling land and farm mortgages. Established several banks in surrounding towns. Bought the Dakota National Bank of Aberdeen in 1916. Bought controlling interest in the Citizens National Bank of Williston and sold it after a few years. In 1908 the company organized the Dakota Western Telephone Company, serving Williston and toll lines about 100 miles east and west of Williston. This company was sold in 1916 to the Bell Telephone Company.

In 1915 Mr. Marshall, Mr. H. Clay McCartney and six other men in Minneapolis established the Toro Manufacturing Company for the purpose of building engines for the Bull Tractor Co. When the latter company was sold, the Toro company turned to manufacturing reel type mowers for lawns, parks and golf courses, becoming the leading manufacturer in the United States in that line. The Marshall McCartney Company owned a large amount of the Toro stock, which was sold in 1945 to St. Paul investors.

Mr. Marshall was an ardent Republican. He was elected in the early nineties State Senator from Dickey County and served two terms. Ran for U. S. Senator in 1898 and was defeated but in 1900 was elected Congressman at Large from North Dakota and served four terms. Ran for the Senate again in 1908 and was defeated by about 1100 votes.

which to conduct the city business. Also, at that very first meeting Dr. Boardman called attention to certain nuisances that had sprung up to plague the community. He urged that the County Board of Health be asked to take immediate action. Also, at that first meeting all council meetings were ordered published in the Oakes Weekly Republican.

Some rogues must have been about even as today, for that first summer a small jail had to be provided. Auditor Spurling was instructed to correspond with city authorities at Casselton, Dakota Territory, regarding purchase of two steel cells, said to be there and not in use.

In Oakes we run into an interesting banking history; that of a bank established the year the city was born. Thomas F. Marshall and his associates started the Bank of Oakes in 1886, the year the platted town site was opened for sale of lots. As we have said before, in 1888 the residents of Oakes made Mr. Marshall their first mayor. But he had been busy those past two years with much besides his bank. As a young man he had been educated as a surveyor, a profession which he had followed through his early life, so it was natural that when the Soo officials were about to by-pass Oakes three miles to the south, it was Mr. Marshall who persuaded them to reconsider their former decision. He went to Minneapolis to finish the negotiations and not only succeeded in getting the road to enter Oakes but he carried home in his inside pocket a contract making the little village a division point.

A word now about the other city officials of that era. Mr. J. B. Root was an early Postmaster in Oakes, although not the first. Before leaving our city he had been for many years a traveling salesman for Heinz '57 Varieties of Pickles. They were luscious in those days as well as now. He was also first Master of the Masonic Lodge A.F. and A.M. in our community.

In 1887 Dan Lynch built a three story hotel across the street south of the Vinkle house and called it the Exchange Hotel. When it was sold a few years later it was renamed the Home Hotel. Mrs. Lynch was Postmaster preceding Mr. Root.

Mr. M. H. Roberts from the second ward was a hardware merchant and was located on the corner now owned by Oakes Insurance Agency. Mr. A. Ritterbush was a builder, and a fine one. Dr. H. P. Boardman and J. F. McCarthy served their constituents from the third ward. Both J. F. and his brother were grain men in early days. As for Dr. Boardman, more will be heard of him later.

One block east of the Home Hotel, another one was built and named The Argyle. Mr. A. G. Hemenway, our first city justice, was part owner. Mr. Andrew White, his son-in-law was his associate in the venture. Later this hotel became the property of W. D. Huffman. Earl Huffman, owner of the Huffman Typewriter Co. of Aberdeen, S. Dak. at the present time, is a nephew to W. D.

B. F. Roddle was the first chief of police. An old time resident of Oakes wrote lately, "One man we youngsters could never forget is Ben-nie Roddle, the butcher. He was so full of jokes that we kept on the other side of the street!"

A name that comes up often in early council proceedings is that of C. Gorder. He was blacksmith by trade, an excellent one, and also gave city affairs his serious consideration.

By 1891 Mr. Marshall asked to be relieved of his duties as mayor, so that year Mr. W. H. Ellis succeeded him in that office. Up to that time, meetings of the council had been held at the bank. When Mr. Ellis became mayor, meetings were held in his office. He had been formerly associated with Chas. S. Brown in the Port Emma and Ludden Times.

Study of city government books of those years indicate that our city fathers were torn by two factions of the populace, those who wanted more sidewalks, road repair, street repair etc., and those who viewed with dread the tax cost. Was it ever thus? It seems so. An artesian well discussion began during those times, and it was years before the end of those talks brought a well.

In March of 1889, a petition by a couple of music minded men was presented to the council. It requested \$10. per month to the Oakes Cornet Band for playing on the street. The men were quickly hustled out and told to get more signers. About two years later another group of tax payers appeared before the council asking them to pay \$100. per year to said band.

On August 11, 1888, bonds were voted for a school house.

The next allusion we have to the Oakes Cornet Band was in June of 1891. At that time it was reported that the band was willing to turn over all uniforms and instruments to the city. Further, a council committee was appointed to "procure uniforms and instruments and turn them over to the auditor with bill of sale for same". It would seem that the business sense of the Cornetists was not highly regarded by the city council.

At a meeting in early 1891 a struggle was going on over a band stand. Someone would take \$30. to make one ready, but that was considered an extravagant price. No doubt it was needed though as a G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) encampment was coming up on July 22, 1891. Mayor Ellis appointed Alderman Boardman, Vinkle, and Given to help make it a success. The city officials had another special meeting and decided to appropriate \$50 for the entertainment of the visitors. We cannot find out, though, what they did about the bandstand. However, the Oakes Cornet Band did itself proud.

One of the most colorful of the early residents was Joe Reynolds, policeman and street commissioner. The athletic type, he had trained as a boxer. An eligible bachelor, sophisticated and every inch a gentleman, he was a fancier of fine trotting horses. He drove in either handsome carriage or cutter, depending on the season. Joe Reynolds, with some beautiful young lady beside him, was a sight for all admiring eyes; truly a Currier and Ives subject.

CHAPTER 2

Late in the year of 1891, Mayor Ellis appointed Aldermen Boardman, Howland and Vinkle to correspond regarding purchase of a hook and ladder outfit. Oakes had already suffered a small fire.

On September 14, 1892, the minutes of the city auditor include the following paragraph, "It was moved by Alderman Boardman and seconded by Howard that a committee of two be appointed to see what street lamps could be purchased for, to be erected on corners of the city where private individuals would care for the same. The motion was carried, all aldermen voting 'Yea '". (The above minutes were taken by E. W. Weston, acting at that meeting for Chas. S. Brown). The lamp lighters must not have taken kindly to the thought of caring for the street lamps for in the December meeting the Mayor appointed a committee to confer with C. Gorder "relative to the establishment of an electric light plant in the city of Oakes". Mr. Gorder was an expert mechanic and was also a completely honest person. The state employed him boiler inspector for North Dakota during those early years. No better choice could have been made.

In this writing, brief mention has been made of the first officials of our city. As the years go by new names appear. There is P. S. Peabody who purchased the first lot when offered for sale. He was owner of a store which he later sold to Klein and Sutmar. There was also the other second ward Alderman, Henry Vinkle, owner of course, of the early and famous Vinkle House. E. W. Weston of the third ward in those days was interested in printing and newspaper work. Chas. S. Brown, city auditor for many years, a graduate of Chicago University, was interested with W. H. Ellis in publication of Port Emma and Ludden Times. In 1890, he came to Oakes to take charge of the Oakes Republican, and Mr. Ellis was associated with him.

In 1898, Mr. Brown sold his interest in the paper to E. A. Smith and the same year he went into partnership with C. E. Fenton in the hardware business. Mr. Smith was the father of Mrs. C. E. Roney and Mr. Fenton the grandfather of H. F. Nichols and Mrs. Harry Klundt.

Dr. Boardman had become mayor in 1893. The matter of the artesian well appears to be plaguing the council more and more. Evidently tempers had flared, for Dr. Boardman at one meeting declared his resignation, because, as he put it, it was a well known fact that he had opposition for his plans right among the aldermen. The council immediately refused to accept his resignation. Dr. Boardman was a powerful force in business as well as in his profession. His associates in the city government well knew how much they needed him.

In April of 1894, the chief of police was ordered to cease feeding tramps; during that month the food bill for transients had been the largest one the city had had. Times were probably hard.

An interesting bit of conflict of interest came up late in 1894. Alderman Gorder rented the back room of his store building to the city for the purpose of an engine room. He was to receive \$2.00 per month for it. After the matter was fully taken care of Mr. Gorder resigned. His resignation was rejected, as it should have been. Mr. Gorder's property at that time was the northwest corner of what is now the Robins' Apartment House and was known as Gorders' Hall.

During its first 12 years of statehood, North Dakota was represented in the lower House of Congress by a single representative. For the first congress of the new century Oakes had the honor of furnishing this representative in the person of Hon. Thomas F. Marshall. Besides being our first banker and first mayor, he had early been a government surveyor for much of this region. He served in Congress for eight years. Mrs. Marshall had a nephew, Elmer McCarthy, whom she and Mr. Marshall brought up as their own son. Fred D. McCarthy of Oakes is also a nephew. The home that Mr. Marshall had built in Oakes, and which was occupied for many years by himself and Mrs. Marshall, was considered palatial. It is owned at present by Raymond L. Hubbard.

Soon after the turn of the century, and while Mr. Ellis was still mayor, Prof. Ackert appeared on the scene. He was a thorough musician—a musician's musician, in fact. Although the Oakes Cornet Band (and we do not know the name of a single member, not even the leader) had ceased to function, a few of them were about and joined Prof. Ackert's band. This group was the finest of its kind in this area. Mr. Ackert worked with them for about seven years and as there were several excellent musicians among its members, they were a great credit to the community.

This writing has included Dr. Boardman as a member of the first city council, and then as mayor for four years. He was also a member of the Board of Education for six years; as such the city owes much to him. However, we must not only remember him as a wise leader in civic affairs; we must record what this pioneer community owed him as a professional man of medicine. Born and reared in Rochester, Minnesota, he studied medicine at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was a graduate of Bellevue Hospital of New York City. As well as being doctor here in those first horse-and-buggy days, Dr. Boardman was the surgeon.

At one time a teen age boy was accidentally shot in the leg. Dr. Boardman cared for him some five miles southeast of town. One day upon his arrival he found gangrene had set in. After telling the mother to make ready the dining room table and lots of hot water, the doctor jumped into his buggy and lashed his team all the way back to Oakes. Changing horses, and with surgical equipment at his side, he raced his team back to the farm. He saved the boy. But that individual, Jay Phifer, was to use a crutch and a cane as a substitute for one leg for the rest of his life. The handsome lad was ever a shining example of courage and ability. Shame would overcome anyone who would wish to grumble about petty troubles before a lad of his character and personality. Jay has lived in Havre, Montana for many years.

It can truly be said that what the first Doctor Mayo (Pioneer, Physician, Citizen) was to the Minnesota Valley, so the brusque, but greathearted Doctor Boardman was to Oakes and vicinity. Dr. and Mrs. Boardman had one son, Lees.

Before noting the coming of W. D. Bryan as mayor in 1897, we list council members and other city officials who served since last we spoke of elections. Other than those already mentioned, aldermen serving had included: W. B. Howland, J. M. Given, C. G. Howard, and Andrew White from the first ward; S. H. Groshaug, P. S. Peabody, Henry Vinkle, S. H. Martin, S. G. Cady and D. W. Holbrook from the second ward; E. Weston, E. O. Ulness, E. Boehmler, and Hans Lee from the third ward; after 1896, John Kennedy had been elected to the third ward, the year W. B. Howland had preceded M. N. Chamberlin as treasurer; W. L. Straub and W. H. Marsh had served as Police Magistrates; J. R. Buxton, A. T. Patterson, and W. H. Ellis as City Attorneys. Mr. Marsh was the father of Mrs. W. H. Bush.

CHAPTER 3

With the coming of W. D. Bryan to office as mayor in 1897 some others are elected as aldermen. New names that year were E. W. Bittman, W. M. Lockie, A. L. Sutmar, and W. B. McCarthy. T. W. Bush was named as police justice. Mr. Bittman was the first owner of the C.M.C. and Lockie was a hardware merchant in the business firm of Brainard and Lockie (Frank Brainard being a brother to Belle, the teacher of the first little school). T. W. Bush was the father of J. W., W. H., Gideon and Frank.

At the first meeting under the new regime Mr. Lockie was made president of the council. He was married to May Bingham who was the daughter of J. Bingham, a member of the G.A.R. Mr. and Mrs. Lockie had six children: Edna, Ella, Hazel, Lloyd, Clifford and Clint. Edna (Mrs. Fred Snell) is the mother of Mrs. Carl Bowman.

The mayor proceeded with the following appointments: F. W. Waldron, auditor; J. W. Coulter, chief of police; J. A. Clubine, assessor and George H. Fay, attorney. An amusing incident came up in the auditor's minutes of late summer. Although he had been appointed only in the spring, by August the council in session instructed the auditor to inform the city attorney he must do a certain piece of work "or the council will have it done and take the cost of the same out of his salary".

Evidently they thought better of their threat for a few weeks later records show that the dignified Judge Fay (as he was always called) received \$50.00 for revising ordinances.

Mayor Bryan worked hard and conscientiously at his office as mayor. He was a successful drayman in Oakes for many years. In those days when nothing was trucked, the work of a drayman was a flourishing business.

P. S. Peabody, a long time second ward alderman, later sold his store to Klein and Sutmar. A. Ritterbush and son were the grandfather and father of Robert A. Ritterbush of Bismarck, the present state architect of North Dakota, whom the Oakes High School Alumni proudly claims. Clarence Ritterbush is associated with his brother. Ritterbush & Son did most of the building in those days. They were experts. In the summer of 1898, they built a water tank and put up a windmill for the city.

M. N. Chamberlin, city treasurer for many years, was the father of Mrs. H. C. McCartney. J. H. Coulter, chief of police at this time, later became president of our board of education.

Early in December, Alderman Sutmar was made a committee of one to confer with the chief of the fire department about purchasing badges or uniforms. (The auditor must have meant "and" instead of "or"; who would choose a badge instead of a uniform?) He was also empowered to purchase firemen's caps as Christmas presents to the members of the fire company. This council member, as men are wont to do, did his Christmas a little late, for at the February meeting the caps had not yet been purchased. Furthermore-the committee, Mr. Sutmar, reported verbally that the firemen would not accept caps as Christmas presents. We wish the minutes showed the reasons why not!

When we read on in the council minutes we were aware that money must have been scarce. The city had purchased \$250.00 worth of fire hose but had no money to pay for it. Dr. Boardman, however, had been approached and had agreed to purchase the warrants from the city. It seems the good doctor had to help both the physically and financially ill.

The spring of 1899 brought a new mayor, W. B. McCarthy who served two terms. The same auditor was retained, and Mr. Hans Lee became the new treasurer.

During those years the city was hard pressed for money. Taxes were slow and needs were many. Sometimes little things, though, can be as tormenting as big ones. A case in point is a hole back of store of Roberts & Co. Again and again this matter was brought up. The members must have been exasperated enough to each wish to grab a shovel and dispose of the wretched hole about which complaining citizens were everlastingly after them.

Evidently too, that bandstand talked of earlier must have been built, for in the fall of 1899 Alderman Sutmar, Porter and Waldron were named a committee to dispose of it. The next meeting reported that the bandstand had been sold for \$5.00 and money turned over to the city treasurer.

About this time, too, the city had to have a new fire house and it had to be one that would not freeze up in winter. And again the matter of "that hole behind Roberts store" came up. It seemed impossible to get it filled.

At a spring meeting in 1900, the city council seated H. C. McCartney as a new councilman. He was a nephew of our first mayor, Thomas F. Marshall. It was at this time also that the Northwestern Telephone Co. was given the right to build within the city limits. That same year the name of E. W. Mayhew appeared as an alderman. He was married to Nellie Morgan of Hudson Township. Dr. Boardman was named year after year as health officer.

During these years about the turn of the century a great deal of attention was given to the matter of streets and sidewalks. In the year of 1886 the surveyors, as earlier explained, had carefully selected the excellent site for the town and had been equally careful as to the future about laying out the wide streets. At the time now being mentioned, the concern needed to be about grading for sidewalks. Mr. Geo. Conn of Spiritwood Lake, North Dakota, an authority on establishing grades, surveyed and set the grade stakes for our city.

CHAPTER 4

Mr. McCarthy was re-elected in 1903 and A. H. Perkins became new alderman from the second ward. About this time a citizens' petition asked for an artesian well. E. A. Porter and E. W. Mayhew respectively were elected president and vice president of the new council. At this same meeting the names of J. E. Bunday came up as engineer of the fire department "without pay". M. J. Donovan from the second ward was named on the street and alley committee, Mr. Waldron left town, and Judge Fay became city auditor in 1903. In the fall of that same year a petition was received from Dr. H. P. Boardman asking permission to lay a water main from the center of Block 5 along third street to the south side of Union Street. Permission was granted. Slowly but surely, progress came.

An ordinance early in 1904 received a second reading granting a franchise to Oakes Commercial Co., a corporation. In June of that year the G.A.R. met in Oakes. The minutes read, "Resolved that the sum of \$500.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is here appropriated from the general fund for the employment of special police and entertaining the 'old soldiers' during the annual state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in the city of Oakes, June 14, 15, and 16, 1904."

In the year of 1905, because of the removal from the city of Mayor W. B. McCarthy, the members of the council elected H. C. McCartney to be the new mayor.

At the February meeting the auditor was instructed to insert notice in the official paper advertising the city windmill and tower for sale as it stands, and the chief of police was instructed to sell the same for \$30.00 "or as much more as he can get".

A special meeting was called at which time Judge Fay resigned his office to become Probate Judge of Dickey Co.. W. S. Wickersham resigned as justice of the peace, and was at once appointed city auditor.

Mr. and Mrs. McCartney had one son, Ross, who married Maida Hollett, daughter of a Methodist minister. They live in Chanute, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Wickersham also had one son, Lee. Judge and Mrs. Fay had no children. Mrs. Fay was for many years Oakes Public Librarian when it was situated on Second Street.

In the spring election this question was put to the voters: "Shall the city of Oakes issue twenty year bonds in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars including such increased indebtedness, for the purpose of constructing waterworks and sewers, in said city?"

At that same election E. W. Bittman was elected mayor. He had been alderman from 1896 to the year in 1905 when he became mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Bittman were married in Ohio. Mrs. Bittman had been Miss Ida Standish, and was a direct descendant of Miles Standish who came over on the Mayflower. Mr. Bittman was one of the great builders of Oakes. He came here from Columbia at the time of the sale of town lots in 1886. In 1893, he had a structure brought up from Columbia and erected the present Anthony building, calling it the C.M.C. Block. He was in business with his bachelor brother, Fred, for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Bittman had two children, a boy and a girl, Edward and Alice. These younger Bittmans have lived in Portland, Oregon for a long period of time.

A score of new names came up as city officials. E. A. Porter, C. P. Walton, J. W. Bush and J. H. Denning aldermen from the first ward; M. J. Donovan, A. H. Perkins, M. Boardman and Geo. A. Tuthill from second; John Kennedy from the third, besides those already mentioned. Mr. Kennedy was a barber by trade. He was at one time a member of our state legislature. J. T. Scott was a one time city justice. He was married to Nellie Root, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Root. W. A. Pannebaker followed Wickersham as city justice. C. P. Walton took charge of our first flour mill. E. A. Porter was a druggist and J. W. Bush was a hardware merchant for many years. He married Cora, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cady. J. H. Denning was a retired farmer from Hudson Township. He was the father of Miss Lily and Addison of our city. Mr. Denning was a director of the Oakes National Bank and owned a half interest in the Oakes Steam Laundry. Miss Lily was a teacher in our high school, and Addison was president of our Board of Education. Ira Denning and wife, Ruth, as does also Miss Anna, reside in a suburb of Washington, D.C. Ruth was at one time Latin teacher in our local school. Warren Denning lives somewhere in California. M. Boardman was a brother to the doctor. He was an undertaker. W. H. Marsh served as city justice for one term. He was father of Henry Marsh and Minnie (Mrs. W. H. Bush). J. H. Coulter was Chief of Police for one term. He was a grain buyer. Sol. Hunter served after him as chief and then H. E. Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt was educated as a teacher having graduated from a Normal Training College in Kokomo, Indiana. C. A. Newton served as city treasurer beginning in 1904. He was married to Nellie Whelan of Ellendale and the couple had one daughter, now Mrs. Marion Dunphy. He came here to accept a position in the First National Bank. W. T. Brown was city auditor for eighteen months and then resigned his position. He was followed by C. D. Holmes. The latter had been a private secretary to Congressman Marshall. H. V. Hemenway was a son to A. G. Hemenway of the Arygle Hotel and was for long years head of Dakota Central Telephone Co. That company had its early offices in a neat suite of rooms on the second floor of the Klein and Sutmar block. The telephone in Oakes was organized by Dr. H. P. Boardman.

The daughter of A. H. Perkins is Mrs. Josie Muffle of Strauville. Mr. Perkins was a dealer in farm machinery.

The bond issue in Oakes had carried, and in May of 1905, C. A. Newton reported to the council that the bonds had sold to a Chicago company for \$20,625.00.

An ordinance of 1906 reads in part as follows: "Be it ordained by the city council that 'Hereafter all persons upon whom any fine is imposed for a violation of any ordinance, who fail or refuse to pay any such fine so imposed, shall be confined in the city or county jail, for a period of time not to exceed one day for each one dollar and twenty-five cents of such fine and costs, and may upon order of the court, be required to work for the city, on the street, or at such other labor as his strength will permit, not exceeding ten hours each working day, during such period of imprisonment'." And they were having complaints about dogs then, too. Dogs we have with us always, it seems. It was reported to a council man that there had been a case of hydrophobia. After discussion a motion was made and hastily passed that the city police should be ordered to shoot on sight any unmuzzled stray dog. Evidently citizens were alarmed upon reading in the weekly newspaper of this action. They realized anyone could be just as dead from a stray bullet as from a rabid dog. As soon as possible this order was rescinded. A statement was made which is a conundrum. "In regard to dogs we will hereafter do as Ellendale does in dealing with the problem." How Ellendale was dealing with the canines was not revealed.

CHAPTER 5

In 1906, another matter of real progress is instituted, "All sidewalks in the future shall be of stone or cement".

In February of the next year there was real consternation and the whole town was aroused. Word had been received that Oakes was to have the State Firemen's Tournament in June. Of course to have that group a city had to have a fire hall and Oakes had none. Those planning to vote bonds and make ready the needed City Hall received a shock when reminded that only in September of each year could appropriations for the ensuing year legally be voted. In other words, not until the following fall could the City Council finance the building. What to do? That was the sixty-four thousand dollar question, as we say in this day. It had to be done and it was done but only because we had ingenious men as leaders. H. C. McCartney appears to have been one of the most resourceful, calling a mass meeting in Bittman's Hall and requesting H. F. Eaton to act as temporary chairman. An organization was begun. Mayor Bittman was called upon and explained the object of the meeting. He stated that the City Council was ready and willing to make necessary appropriations in September. It was well known that Mr. Bittman's word was as good as his bond. The work of a permanent committee was undertaken and the group made M. Boardman, Chairman; Tom Sutmar, Treasurer; and R. A. Middaugh, Secretary. Here is the plan submitted by Mr. McCartney.

"We, the undersigned agree to subscribe and pay for the number of shares set opposite our names each share of a par value of \$10 of The Oakes Building and Improvement Company (name subject to change at option of share holders) said shares to be paid in installments as follows: 20% April 1, 30% May 1, 25% June 1, and 25% June 20, 1907. The funds thus raised to be used in the building of a City Hall, the city entering into an agreement to take up said shares to stock in the fall of 1907 and issue therefore city warrants bearing 7 per cent or pay for same in cash; above shares to draw 7 per cent from the date of the several payments."

After the above plan had been submitted a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the City Hall be built. The firm of Westergarde and Ritterbush was granted the contract. They must have been rushed, for time was hurrying on towards the Firemen's State Tournament. So our City Hall came into being.

Our people could not have known at that time that a disastrous fire was to strike that very fall. Beginning with what is now the corner occupied by Oakes Insurance Agency and sweeping east, most of the buildings in that block were destroyed. It is believed the fire also crossed the street to the south and burned the Arygle Hotel and

some other business buildings. It was stopped on the north side of the street by the solid brick wall of the Lockie Block. A special meeting was called in late October in which the council took stock of what was to be done to prevent anything so frightful happening again. Farmers many miles in the country saw the sky alight with the conflagration.

Mr. McCartney had requested H. F. Eaton to preside as temporary chairman of the mass meeting. As a young man in Maine, Professor Eaton had established Eaton Family and Day School at Norridgework, Maine. During the war between the states, he served as a member of the Fourth Battery Maine Volunteers. He returned home to his teaching until 1882 when he came to Dickey Co., Port Emma Township. Here he established a fine cattle ranch. Early in the century he retired from farming and he and Mrs. Eaton came to Oakes. The couple had four daughters: Minnie, who became Mrs. Chas. S. Brown; Louise, who became Mrs. Barnes of Port Emma; Jane, who became Mrs. George Cochran, and Ruth, who became Mrs. George A. Tuthill, who has a son George in Cogswell, a son David and a daughter Patty in Colorado, and another daughter Josephine in suburban Chicago. Two of the Browns' daughters are well known here. The eldest, Beth, is the wife of Rev. H. E. Dierenfield, and lives in Waterloo, Iowa; the other is Emilie who married her high school sweetheart, Enoch Frojen. The Fargo Forum chose to speak of him as "one of North Dakota's most famous sons". The other two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Brown are Mrs. Dorothy Horner and Mrs. Marjorie Phelan, both of California.

As the years of the early part of the century pass, we note that the life of the city official family was continually one of a financial struggle. Needs were great. Water supply, sidewalks, fire equipment, electric lights, sewers, were continual subjects of discussion. These were the needs for which the council had to find tax money. One time in evident frustration to make things meet, the equalization board simply raised taxes of every single business on Main Street and on some residences. That move helped things for awhile.

A long list of new names appear to take the places of those who, weary of their tasks, refused re-election. R. A. Middaugh was fire chief during the critical year of 1907. He was in business with the Star Land Co. Slocum and Malander in a few years were to become mayors instead of aldermen. Dr. Gale, G. B. Phifer, Fred Sletvold, and Chas. A. Moore became aldermen also. G. B. Phifer was a retired farmer; he was the father of Jay Phifer mentioned earlier in this writing. Charles Moore operated a livery barn. His wife, the former Claudia Faust, still resides in Oakes. Her son Clarence and daughter Mrs. Marie Gray both live near Oakes. John M. Barnes was appointed police man and street commissioner. He was married to Miss Ethel Ogden who still resides here. Mr. Sletvold was a member of North Dakota Artesian Well Co. He and Mrs. Sletvold are now retired and live in Minnesota. Mr. Sletvold was also a member of the local Board of Education for some years. The Sletvolds two sons, Helmer and Frederick Jr. live in the west. Mrs. Lois Ringdahl and Mrs. Grace Myers live in Minnesota and Mrs. Helen Shirey has her residence in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Gale was a dentist. He was married to Mrs. Myrtle Vinkle; she had a son, Harold. Dr. Fred

Maercklein became the new health officer. Sol. Hunter served as policeman. He was the father of one son James and a daughter Nellie, Mrs. George Wilson, who lives in St. Paul with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McGinley.

In 1909 William McCulley became the new mayor. Mr. McCulley was head of the McCulley Land Co. Mr. and Mrs. McCulley had two children, Roberta and William. The latter is now living in California. I. B. Ward was the newly appointed city auditor. As soon as seated, Mayor McCulley delivered the following address:

"To the Honorable City Council of Oakes: In assuming the duties of mayor, it is fitting that I should give to you and the citizens of Oakes a message bearing upon our municipal affairs and voicing my opinion of the wisest policies to be pursued in the governing of our city.

Speaking in general terms I believe in a broad and sane but firm administration of our laws, a business administration founded on justice and tempered with reason, a policy that wipes out nuisances of whatever nature whenever they are shown to be such. I believe in a policy that caters to the opinion and interest of no one class or faction, but seeks to accomplish the greater good for the greatest number and bring about a clean and orderly city for all the people. To those ends I earnestly ask the aid and co-operation of your honorable body.

The city's revenues must be promptly and fully collected. Necessary expenditures should be economical but judicious.

We must have better kept streets and more sidewalks.

We must have a clean and sanitary city with less rubbish and weeds and junk in the alleys, back yards, and vacant lots.

We should encourage the planting of trees and the beautifying of lawns.

We should make some provision for a city park.

I do not believe we should stop when we have fulfilled the routine obligation of our offices. Now is the time to prepare for a larger city. We have the solid foundation, the natural and commercial advantages and the surrounding resources.

We should co-operate with the Commercial Club and every legitimate interest.

We should keep abreast of the times and awake to the greater needs of a growing city, all to the end that there shall be no let-up in the remarkable prosperity and expansion of Oakes."

That address by Mayor McCulley was ambitious and stimulating. Just forty-eight years later we too may ponder it with profit. Many of the worthy objectives were carried out in his administration.

The matter of dogs had come up again. Following Ellendale's plan had evidently not brought desired results. But our council was not about to give up the battle against the canines. Someone submitted a plan that made all the other council members wonder why they had not thought of it. It was simple; they would give up on the matter of all dogs which were running at large. They would concentrate on the extermination of females only! Passed unanimously.



CARL ALFRED MALANDER
Mayor When Oakes Was 25 Years Old

Born April 21, 1864 in Sweden. He came to this country when a small boy. As a young man Mr. Malander engaged in mining and farming in Iowa.

About 1900 or before, he came to Oakes, N. D. and engaged in the real estate business, known as the "Star Land Co. of Oakes," and was instrumental in bringing many fine citizens to this community.

Mr. Malander was elected an alderman in 1907 and in 1911 was elected Mayor and was reelected for a second term. He was presented with a watch from the citizens of the city with the engraving "Presented to Mayor C. A. Malander, by Citizens of Oakes April 20, 1915." His daughter Mabel has the watch at the present time. She was their only child.

When the big depression came he and Mrs. Malander retired to their farm east of Oakes and remained there a number of years until their health made it necessary to move back to town. After the death of Mrs. Malander, December 1951, Mr. Malander went to live in Long Beach, California with his daughter. He passed away there at the age of 88 years, on June 8, 1952.

It was at this time that the "Park District of the City of Oakes" was created and formed.

CHAPTER 6

The spring election of 1911, found C. C. Malander, head of the Star Land Company, the new mayor, and Ed. A. Smith was named City Auditor. Mr. McCulley had not sought re-election. Mr. and Mrs. Malander had one daughter, Mabel. She married James Roney. He will be remembered also as having been clerk of the local Board of Education for a long period. T. H. Ferber had become an alderman from the first ward. He was with Salzer Lumber Company all his life in Oakes. Mr. and Mrs. Ferber had one child, a son, Warren. Warren resides in Grand Forks as does his mother.

In 1912, H. J. Johnson came in from first, James Dyer from second, and J. D. Scott from the third ward. Walter Whitver became Police Magistrate and J. E. Bunday was named city treasurer. H. J. Johnson was head of the Johnson Land Co. His parents had died when he was very young and when he was 13, he had come to America from Denmark with his grandparents. They settled on a farm southwest of Oakes. A large grove is there now, which Mr. Johnson planted not from small trees, but from seed. He had started in the land business here at the age of twenty-five without any money and stayed in it for fifty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had one child, a daughter Janet, who is now Mrs. Geo. Humphreys. The permanent home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys is in Bismarck, but they spend some months here each year taking care of what was her father's business. Mr. Johnson had great faith in our state, both its people and its land. It has been said that he was one of the biggest boosters North Dakota ever had.

Mr. Dyer operated different businesses and always successfully. He was a brother to Mrs. Ritterbush. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer had one daughter, Mary, who lives in Aberdeen. Her mother resides in California.

Walter Whitver was in the employ of the Star Land Co., and married May Lou Council. She now lives in Fargo. Mr. Bunday came to Oakes in 1897 as agent for the Atlas Elevator Co. He went to Gwinner to act as cashier in a bank there for a year. He returned here to accept the same work at the Oakes National, and later entered the First National Bank as cashier. He married Johanna Peterson. Mr. Scott was a younger brother of J. T. Scott, who had been in business here in earlier years. He worked for Johnson Land & Cattle Co. Arthur Bartlett was a successful cafe operator. His son, Reece, is a Cogswell businessman, and another son, Don, is married to the former Hazel Lockie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lockie. The other daughters and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lockie are Edna, Etta, Lloyd, Clifford, and Clint; all live now in California.

Ed A. Smith resigned as city auditor in 1913. The minutes read: "On motion a vote of thanks was extended to retiring auditor Ed A. Smith for his work for the city; a copy to be mailed to him."

Mr. Smith had resigned to take office as Dickey Co. Clerk of Court. Twelve years before this, a very sad duty had come for him. It was in the fall of 1901, when he was a newspaper man, as he always was in Oakes. In those days any matter of national importance was sent to a community by way of a telegram to a newspaper. On that morning, the Oakes Republican received the wire that President William McKinley had been shot by a would-be-assassin. Mr. Smith went from door to door of business houses and from one hitching post to another to give the shocking news, as farm families tied their horses. In different directions from town, anxious farmers planned that one from the group should drive to town each day and report back to his neighborhood. After about a week's time, the dreaded word came. Our beloved president was dead. Mr. Smith went about again with the tragic news. President McKinley's death was mourned throughout the civilized world; besides those in our own country. Special services were held in both England and France.

At the May meeting in 1914, motion was made and carried that alderman B. W. Slocum be president of the council. Matters of more fire protection received much attention, as did extension of sewer and side walks. A petition from the citizens asking that C. & N. W. stockyards be removed was received and referred to the Board of Health. This was to become a perennial matter.

In the fall of 1914, a special election was called in the city for the purpose of electing commissioners of the newly created park. A. F. Klein, Geo. A. Tuthill, Fred Sletvold, E. W. Weston, and C. A. Malander were chosen.

Mr. Klein and A. L. Sutmar owned the Klein and Sutmar general merchandising store, which they had purchased from Mr. Peabody. The firm was noted for giving credit freely. During the years of poor crops, many families would have gone hungry, had it not been for the compassion of this firm.

Until the time of the second decade of the century, little thought had been given to the matter of boulevards. At this time, those who really understood how to enhance the beauty of lawns, began to urge, officially and otherwise, the placing of curbs to support boulevards. It took years to accomplish this.

Many citizens wanted sewers and elected council members who would work for extension of water and sewers. Others in turn would work just as hard against it, predicting dire calamity because of tax. At one meeting, a Mr. X. (we shall call him) appeared. He entered a protest against such connection with his building, which was on Main Street. He claimed he had no place to put a toilet and would not put one in even if he had the place! In a case such as this, the Board of Health had to step in and insist.

CHAPTER 7

The new mayor in the spring of 1915, was B. W. Slocum and the new alderman from third ward was Sidney Bergenthal.

Mr. Slocum had come to Verner township, Sargent Co., in the year 1890. He had arrived from St. Paul, where for eleven years he had been bookkeeper for a candy manufacturing company. He married Miss Augusta Phifer. While farming he had acted as school clerk for the district and was also elected to the office of County Public Administrator for Sargent Co. Mr. and Mrs. Slocum moved to Oakes where he became secretary to the hardware firm of Fenton and Brown. Soon afterwards he entered the newly organized business of Brown and Slocum. The Slocums had one son, Philip, who lives in California. Mrs. Slocum is living in Havre, Montana, as are her two brothers, Jay and Roy and her sister, Mrs. Louie Suckow. Mrs. Slocum lost her sight some years ago; she had been deaf for many years, so now to help herself enjoy life, she has learned Braille. She is alert and mentally vigorous.

Sidney Bergenthal, the new member of the council that year, came to Oakes in 1897 in the employ of the Union depot. He later changed to the Soo and remained there as agent. He married Mrs. Katherine Sunberg who had taken training in Chicago in kindergarten and primary teaching. So loved was she by the children, whom she had charge of in our own lower grades, that the little girls named their prettiest paper dolls for her. Mrs. Bergenthal was a sister to Mrs. Edgar Christensen.

Dr. Brastad was named to the Board of Health also that spring.

The next many months of business matters for the city concerned taxes, abatement of same, curbs, culverts, sidewalks and catch basins. There were many applications for building permits, too; our little city was growing. In May of that year, a tank of road oil was ordered for our streets.

The April minutes of 1916, give the following information:

"Prof. C. E. Blume appeared before the board and outlined a plan for the census of the city to be taken by students of the high school.

Motion by alderman Ferber that the city furnish Mr. Blume all necessary blanks for the purpose of taking the census. Motion seconded by alderman J. A. Dyer and upon roll call carried, all voting 'Aye'."

The next year much attention was given to the matter of extension of street lighting. That year the children had their first candy from a community Christmas tree. The idea behind that happy event seems to have come from Mr. Bergenthal. J. H. Hunter became a new alderman from the first ward. He was the son of Sol. Hunter.

In the year of 1917, the operators of pool halls were ordered to remove all card tables from their premises. That summer there was a water shortage. Citizens were instructed to use water for sprinkling at restricted hours and notified that "the water supply of anyone violating this order will find his supply cut off and the violator will stand subject to prosecution by the city".

One meeting was taken up trying to decide whether or not to prohibit the parking of cars on north second street, that is, by Klein and Sutmar's. Farmers needing to use the hitching posts there might be in trouble.

Something very strange took place in the morning election of 1918. To vote for city officials separate ballot boxes had been prepared for men and women. Segregation of the sexes? Yes, really.

W. H. Ladd had the honor of receiving a seat as alderman from the first ward. Mr. Ladd was a son of George H. Ladd, who owned the first hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd had one son, Donald, who now lives in California. At that same election, the city rejected a plan for commission form of government. Two petitions had previously been presented to the council, one for the change and one against it. This had caused the matter to be placed on the ballot. The matter of voting on commission form of government also used what we are pleased to call "segregation of the sexes".

Mr. A. G. Anderson, a jeweler, was a new alderman from second ward, as was S. P. Bronson. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson had two daughters, Muriel and Lorraine.

An order of water meters arrived that fall; two hundred had been purchased from National Meter Company. We find that in mid summer the council took the following action; "Any consumer who does not pay by the tenth day of the month after the three month period shall have lapsed, shall be subject to having water turned off and it shall not be again turned on until all back rent is paid together with a fine of three dollars."

That same season the auditor was instructed to advertise for bids for a band stand.

Walter Whitver resigned that fall, and C. E. Knox became the new city auditor. Also, discussion began again about a franchise to a Light Company.

Note in the following paragraph what the city officers thought of the company.

"The light bills presented by the General Utilities Corporation for the January period were discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion of the city council that said charges were excessive and that means should be employed to obtain relief from said extortion. No action taken."

Two months later, word came from Attorney General Langer and the auditor was instructed to refund fees paid by pool halls for term of March 1, 1919, to January 1, 1920.

Alderman J. D. Scott was made president of the council for the ensuing year, and T. H. Ferber, vice-president.

Total votes of the spring election were again on a segregated basis, even boxed neatly in red ink!

Mr. Slocum had requested that he be not considered for re-election. He was county commissioner of Dickey Co. from this district. C. E. Knox was voted in as the new mayor in April, 1919, with Frank Jarvis as his appointee for city auditor. Henry Boethling became the new street commissioner and W. A. Pannebaker received the highest number of votes for justice of the peace. Mrs. Boethling lives in Oakes, as do her three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Roney and Misses Alyce and Marguarite. Her two sons, Francis and John reside in California. W. H. Ladd had moved away and Martin Jacobs was appointed alderman from the first ward in Mr. Ladd's place.

October 6, 1919, "Council instructed auditor to publish notice in city official paper that anyone tapping the water mains without permission from the city will be prosecuted and fined to the limit."

The office of chief of police and street commissioner was given to James Hockenberry. Mr. and Mrs. Hockenberry's daughter, Mrs. Helen Michalek lives near Oakes, and their son Clarence lives in the west. Another son, Vern, is a resident of Valley City, while Lester lives here. The park in the north part of town is named in Mr. Hockenberry's honor.

Mr. A. P. Guy, city attorney, and Mayor Knox were delegates to go to Bismarck and look into the matter of the increase which had come in the rates of light, power and heat. Mr. and Mrs. Guy had two children, Mrs. Kathryn Hand and Peydon. Kathryn lives in Illinois and Peydon in Minnesota.

In November, it was deemed necessary that the city have a Night Watch and W. R. Singleton was appointed by the mayor. Grant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Singleton, still lives in this area.

S. P. Bronson left the city in early 1921, and O. E. Rugtiv was appointed as alderman from the second ward to fill the vacancy.

CHAPTER 8

The election of 1921, shows no division of voters into "Men" and "Women" groups. The nineteenth amendment had been passed.

P. J. Aasen was the new alderman from second. His wife was the former Miss Carrie Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Aasen had four children, who with their mother are living in Washington D. C. area. They are Grace, Emily, Clarence and Quinten.

A special meeting of the city council was held in the middle of the month of September because of the passing of Frank Jarvis. W. R. Whitver was again named by the mayor and confirmed by the council.

The matter of pure milk products had been a subject of much concern to the community for some time. At the beginning of 1922, an ordinance providing for safe dairy products was declared to have passed its second and final reading. New aldermen elected in the spring were C. O. Johnson from first ward and Glenn Verner Dill from third. C. O. Johnson had been reared on the farm which his father and mother had established in pioneer days. It lies just south and east of Oakes. Part of the original home land was sold to the Oakes Nursery some years ago. Alderman Johnson was a partner in the business firm of Elner & Johnson. They sold farm machinery, hardware and pianos. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children, Mardelle and Robert. The two were present last fall when their parents held their golden wedding anniversary in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Johnson also has a brother Albert in Ellendale. Mr. Dill was born in Verner Township, Sargent Co., and is a graduate of the State School at Ellendale. After teaching in the high school at Napoleon for one year, Mr. Dill entered the employ of the First National Bank, where he has for many years been a vice-president. He is also treasurer of the Oakes Special School District. Mrs. Dill was head of Home Economics in our city schools before her marriage. The couple has two sons, Glenn Verner Jr., who owns the Lamoure Chronicle at Lamoure, and Douglas, who owns the Glenwood Paint Co., of Glenwood, Minnesota. Mrs. George Lyon is also a sister of Mr. Dill.

The minutes of an earlier meeting stated that the mayor and city attorney were to go to Bismarck to see the commissioners about our excessive light and heat bills. The upshot was that the Midwest Power Co., writing the city, declared that if they were not reimbursed to the amount of \$2,168.76, which was the amount they considered was in excess in the payment of their 1921 taxes (and the amount which they had paid under protest), that they would be compelled to abandon their plant in Oakes. The council unanimously agreed that the required amount be returned to Midwest.

Sidney Bergenthal was escorted to his seat as mayor by the retiring officer, C. E. Knox. The new mayor at once named E. A. Sullivan as city attorney.

Mr. Ing. Simmons became the new alderman from the third ward in the spring election of 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons had three daughters. They are Mrs. Doris Flom, Crookston, Minnesota, Eunice of Fargo, and Mrs. Margaret Youngdale of Benson, Minnesota.

Mr. Ferber became president of the council at this same spring meeting. A. G. Anderson became the vice-president. He will be remembered also as having been clerk of our local board of education for a long period.

Overshadowing every other problem that year was the matter of financing the new school building. We quote from the minutes of May: "Mr. Coulter, president of the Board of Education, appeared before the city council and requested that the city endeavor to assist the school district in financing the completion of the Public School Building."

We quote from the minutes: "Mr. Coulter stated that the statute limited the amount of money that can be secured by bond issues of the school district to such an extent that sufficient money could not be secured to complete the building. He asked that the city endeavor to make a bond issue and permit the school board to use the money for such building.

Discussion was had by the board regarding the matter and it was the opinion of the council that the only way it could possibly be done would be for the city to call an election for a bond issue for library purposes; for the school board to lease or sell the library that would be placed in the new school building to the city, and for the city to turn over the money received from the issue of bonds (in case the election carried) to the school board to be used in completing the building that would house the library.

Alderman P. J. Aasen moved that the matter be laid over until the city had secured sufficient information to enable it to know that an issue of bonds for the purpose described would be legal. Motion seconded by alderman C. O. Johnson and carried."

The next evening a special meeting of the council was held with the Board of Education, C. E. Knox, F. C. Root, J. B. Andrews, J. H. Coulter and Supt. J. C. Gould in attendance. The minutes continue, "Mr. Webb of Drake Jones Co. and Mr. Charles of Magraw Kerfoot & Co. met with the above members and entered into a discussion of methods of financing building the school. It was explained to Mr. Webb and Mr. Charles that the Board of Education desired the city to issue bonds in the sum of \$35,000. The money received from sale of such bonds was to be turned over to the School Board to be used in completing the building."

Spring and early summer found much discussion of the above matter both by council and other tax paying citizens. Quoting again from May minutes: "The ballots were prepared to read substantially in the following language: 'Shall the city of Oakes, Dickey Co., North Dakota, be

authorized to issue its bonds in the amount of \$35,000.00 bearing interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum, payable semiannually, maturing from 1934 to 1945, both inclusive from their date, for the erection of a public building in said city, to be used for a municipal auditorium, public gymnasium, and other places of amusement and entertainment?'" On June 21 of that year, the special election was held and the measure was passed.

Early in the year of 1924, the subject of increasing the bonded indebtedness came up. It came about in this way. It had been a long drawn out process to sell the \$35,000 worth of bonds. Before the transaction was near completion a new problem arose. At the February council meeting in 1924, three members of the Board of Education were present. They were Fred D. McCartney, J. W. Bush and J. B. Andrews. It seems that the estimate of 1923 had been a mistake. It was going to take almost twice as much---\$68,000 to be exact. By late 1924 the increased bond issue had taken place. At long last the school building with auditorium and library was to be finished.

In the fall of 1924, an agreement was made between the Dakota Central Telephone Co. and the city, where by a switch in the local office was to be used as a fire alarm. In early days a volunteer fireman had had to run to the Presbyterian church and sound an alarm by ringing the bell.

In March of 1925, the city rejected bills of Ottertail Power Co. for what they considered excess steam heat and street lights.

After the spring election the council was reorganized making T. H. Ferber president and A. G. Anderson vice president. A. P. Guy was appointed city attorney and Ivan Maercklein city health officer.

It had taken much time and legal battling but at last in September of 1925, an ordinance was passed which "excluded, disconnected and set out of the city limits, the unplatted portion of the North Half of the South East Quarter of Section 29 in Township 131, Range 59, west of the fifth principal meridian, containing about fifty acres." At long last Mr. Ball had his way.

That fall Grant C. Bush was appointed to fill a vacancy from second ward until the next city election. Grant was a grandson of T. W. Bush, one of the earliest pioneers. His wife was the former Miss Alice Casey. The couple had two children, Mary Ellen and Robert.

CHAPTER 9

In 1926, Mayor Bergenthal appointed Dr. H. J. Meunier, health officer. Mr. J. A. Dyer became the new alderman from second ward. That same fall the "Lighting Improvement District Number One of the City of Oakes" was a reality. Mr. and Mrs. Bergenthal had three children, Cecil of Milwaukee, Norman of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Francis Love of Sedalia, Missouri.

Mr. R. O. Smith became Justice of the Peace and Mr. B. M. Bjornstad the Police Magistrate at the yearly election. S. A. Reko and W. T. Wiig were elected the two new aldermen from the first ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had lived at Ludden before moving to Oakes, and were long time friends of the Brown family of that area. Mr. Smith was in the grocery business in Oakes. Their daughter, Mrs. Reva Bannister lives in Minneapolis and their son Clark now makes his home in a suburb of Chicago.

Mr. Bjornstad came here as book keeper for the North Dakota Artesian Well Company. Mrs. Bjornstad was as skilled a pianist as her husband was with band instruments. The couple had two sons, Bruce, of Iowa and whom Oakes claims.

In the spring of 1927, the City Auditor asked to be relieved of his office. Mr. Howard E. Dedy was the choice of the council for the vacancy.

January of 1928 produced an affirmative vote for a bond issue of \$20,000 for waterworks. Much council meeting time in the year before had been used in planning for this improvement.

Later that year an electric siren with remoted control switches was installed. The word OAKES was ordered to be painted three times on the top of the water tower. B. G. Sidles was to do it for a consideration of \$30.

Much extension of waterworks and sewer took place that year.

Mr. Bergenthal did not care to seek re-election, so the new mayor in 1929 was J. L. Whitesell and two new aldermen were also elected. They were H. J. Dufelmeier from first ward, and H. O. Jenny from the third ward. Carried, also, was a one mill levy for the purpose of furnishing a band fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitesell had two daughters, Eileen and Nancy. They both live in Fargo. Their father makes his home in California.

CHAPTER 10

At a special election held in first ward, October of 1930, Mr. M. D. Shoar was found to have received a large majority of all votes cast.

The spring election of 1931, gave summary of votes to the following officials: Mayor, J. L. Whitesell; Justice of the Peace, R. O. Smith; Police Magistrate, T. B. Roberts; City Treasurer, J. E. Bunday; Alderman, First Ward, H. J. Dufelmeier; Alderman, Second Ward, G. C. Bush; Alderman, Third Ward, H. O. Jenny.

A Carnival Company wished to come to Oakes and operate on June 1, 2, and 3. Upon appeal of S. A. Reka and W. J. Seifert, acting as a committee of the Lions' Club, the city by a motion of Alderman Bush generously waived its usual license fee. They also provided policing for the amusement company, "it being understood that this carnival show is to be sponsored by the Lions' for the purpose of raising funds to take care of the Boy Scout Obligations and for raising funds for a proposed swimming pool, said amusement company agreeing to give the Lions' Club twenty percent of the gross receipts from certain rides and shows." Alderman Jenny seconded the motion, and upon vote thereon motion carried.

"Alderman Edblom moved that the taxes for 1930 on St. Anthony's Hospital be cancelled. Alderman Bush seconded the motion and upon vote thereon motion carried."

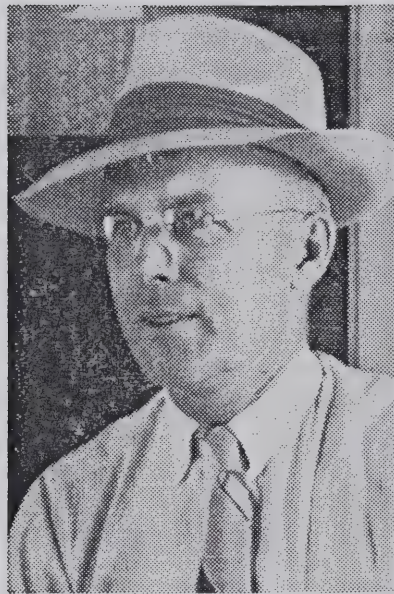
That year saw a Barber Shop Inspector was necessary for our city, and Byron Gibbs received the appointment.

An agreement was entered into between the city of Oakes and the Department of State Highways. It concerned passing of traffic routed through the city and over Union Street.

Mayor Whitesell, in early 1932, issued the following edict: "I hereby order and direct that the flag of the United States be displayed in each polling place in the city of Oakes at every election held in said city from and after March 7, 1932." (The city election was held on March 15 that year.)

At the December meeting Mr. Whitesell presented his resignation and Alderman Dill thereupon became Mayor Dill. At that same session, discussion began regarding the establishment and maintenance of a municipal air port.

The following paragraph was related to lighting; "The city auditor was instructed to notify the Otter Tail Power Company to reduce the white way lamps to 100 watts each and to discontinue white way lamp on the west side of the city park on Fourth Street." We wonder why!



C. E. (TED) RONEY

Mayor When Oakes Was 50 Years Old

C. E. (Ted) Roney was elected Mayor of Oakes in 1933 and served for five years. He was born in Maryville, Missouri, moved to Oakes in 1911. He farmed in his early life until taking a job as bookkeeper in the Oakes National Bank. After eight years in the bank he resigned and entered into the feed and seed business.

He married Mary Catharine Smith of Ellendale in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Roney have six children, all of whom have graduated from the Oakes High School, four of them having later graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Mr. Roney was elected Mayor at a time when economic conditions were very bad. Oats five cents per bushel and corn ten cents per bushel were the local card prices. The newly elected President Roosevelt set up many programs to aid the people and boards were set up in all communities to assist in the programs. Mr. Roney served on these various boards: The Works Progress Administration, Dickey County Welfare Board, and Price Control Administration.

One of the outstanding events during his administration as Mayor was the celebration of Oakes' Fiftieth Anniversary. Mr. Roney served as Chairman.

The spring election gave the following officers for 1933: Mayor C. E. Roney; Alderman H. J. Dufelmeier from first; G. C. Bush from second; C. H. Hagen from third; J. E. Bunday, Treasurer; R. O. Smith, Justice of the Peace; and T. B. Roberts, Police Magistrate. The new mayor made the following appointments: City Auditor, H. E. Dady; City Attorney, A. P. Guy; City Health Officer, Dr. H. J. Meunier; Chief of Police and Night Watchman, George M. Morgan; Street Commissioner and Superintendent of Water Works with Police Power, James Hockenberry. Several of the above mentioned were new in city positions. Mr. and Mrs. Roney are the parents of six children: Donald, who is with the F. B. I., John and Charles of Washington state, Thomas of Carrington, N. Dak., Jerry of Evanston, Illinois and Mrs. Mary LeVair of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Shoar are the parents of six children; M. H. of Miami; Russell of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Carol Stenstadvold, whom we in Oakes claim, Mrs. Shirley Larsen of South Dakota, Mrs. Betty Lou Bresley of Germany, and Thomas of Oakes. He presently is a student of dentistry at Creighton University in Omaha. Mr. Shoar was in the electrical and oil business for many years.

Mr. Dady had a son Howard E. Dady, Jr. and a daughter Jane. Our auditor was associated with the H. J. Johnson Land Company.

Doctor Meunier received recognition a few months ago for having practiced in the state for fifty years. The honor bestowed was in Grand Forks from the North Dakota Medical Association. With the doctor was another Doctor of Medicine-his wife. The couple has three children: Mrs. Margaret Cyza of St. Paul; Adrian of Minneapolis and Dr. H. J. Meunier of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hagen have four children. They include Clifford of Oakes, Dorothy of Fargo, Alice, who makes her home in California, and Vern, who is an instructor in the Hibbing, Minnesota, schools.

Mr. T. B. Roberts operated a pool hall. His residence was a fine one on South Second Street. George M. Morgan is the County Sheriff. He and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Eugene Kruger, a teacher at the N.D.S.U. of Fargo, and Marlene, a teacher at Brighton, Colorado.

In the spring of 1933, Alderman Dill became president of the council and Alderman Edblom, the vice president.

The rest of the meetings of the year were taken up with routine matters of bills. The filling and widening of North Fourth Street from the Northern Pacific Railway Company's right of way south took place that summer.

A. B. Carlson became a new alderman in 1934. Mr. Carlson was manager of North American Creamery for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson had five children-Robert of South Dakota, Benny of White City, Kansas, Bernice of Ohio, Bertha of Minnesota, and Hanna Mae of California.

Mayor Roney submitted the name of Gladys Dady for the new auditor in April of 1935.

Alderman Bush moved at the June, 1935, meeting, that Ordinance No. 108, being an ordinance creating a planning commission for the city of Oakes, be declared to have passed its first reading. At a later meeting, a second and final reading was held. That same summer Alderman Dill moved adoption of the following resolution: "A resolution authorizing the city of Oakes to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a loan and grant to aid in financing the construction of a storm sewer and designating A. P. Guy to furnish such information as the government may request." Alderman Edblom seconded the motion and resolution passed unanimously.

Mayor Roney submitted names to be approved by the council as members of the City Planning Board. They were: J. B. Andrews, term one year; John Harris, term two years; George Hanson, term three years; W. M. Anderson, term four years; and Fred Sletvold, term five years. These men were unanimously approved by the council.

CHAPTER 11

A special election was held in the second ward in the summer of 1936. Levi Harris was called upon to serve until the next general election. Mr. Harris was then, as he is today, an excellent builder. Our fine bowling alley is the very latest of his work. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two daughters and two sons. Mrs. Mildred Michel lives in Bismarck; Mrs. Lela McCafferty is in Evanston, Illinois; Leonard is in business with his father; and Wilbur is an architect in Hobbs, New Mexico.

The year of 1936 found E. Naylor as the new Police Magistrate. Mr. and Mrs. Naylor had one child, a daughter, Frances, who now lives in Billings, Montana, where she is a teacher of remedial reading in a public school. Mr. Naylor was in charge of The Leader, a mens' clothing store.

In March of 1937, the City Council agreed to the requirements of Department of State Highways in regard to passing through the city. In the fall of the year, upon Mr. Naylor leaving Oakes, F. H. Murray was appointed Police Magistrate. Mr. Murray had been head of the North Western Bell Telephone Co. before his retirement. Mrs. Murray lives in Oakes, as does her younger son, James, who is associated with the Larson Hardware Co. Her older son, William, is Chief Electronics Engineer with Winzen Research Co. of Minneapolis. Mrs. Murray is now serving her tenth year as Co-operative Weather Observer for the United States Weather Bureau.

April of 1938 saw retiring Mayor Roney welcome Mayor-elect J. F. Nichols to his seat. John Berg and Gust Johanneson were new aldermen. Mr. Berg was with the Marshall Wells Co. His son, George, was with him and their daughter, Pearle, was also at home with her parents for some time. Mr. Johanneson operated a grocery business. The couple have one daughter, Yvonne. The family went from Oakes to Tacoma in later years.

Alex R. Wright was elected Justice of the Peace in 1938. He was for a long time, editor of the Oakes Times. It is to Mr. Wright that the community will be always grateful for his supplement to The Oakes Times, special Christmas number in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had two children-Edward and Ruth. The latter, now Mrs. Hanson, lives in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The citizens living west of the Northern Pacific tracks sent the following petition to the council early in 1938:

"The undersigned residents of the city of Oakes, residing on or near Union Street west of the Northern Pacific Railway Company tracks, hereby respectfully request your honorable body to take immediate steps

to secure an oil surface for the county highway within the city limits. This is the only highway extending deep into the city which has no oil. Our residents are constantly subjected to clouds of dust, causing a menace to health, and almost impossible task of keeping homes clean, and a dangerous situation as regards traffic. We likewise would appreciate stricter enforcement of the speed limit on this street."

An agreement was entered into, whereby a 5 year lease and 1939 rental charge for the Airport grounds, received approval of the council.

Later in 1939, Clayton Lanning was appointed Chief of Police. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning now live in Grand Forks. They have one daughter, Mary Ann, who is a sophomore at the University.

Early in 1940, Mayor Nichols was authorized by the council to sign a co-operative agreement between the city of Oakes and the United States of America for the planting and care of a Shelterbelt on the Hockenberry tract of land, south of, and bordering the Northern Pacific Rail Road and east of Highway Number One.

Election that spring brought one new member into the council: D. L. Price from the third ward. Mr. Price was an auctioneer. The Prices had a son, Harold, whose home is in Colorado, and a daughter, Mrs. Juanita Becker, of near Washington, D. C. Mrs. Price makes her home in Los Animas, Colorado.

CHAPTER 12

At a special meeting called by Mayor Nichols in April of 1941, the following minutes are self explanatory: "Alderman A. B. Carlson moved that Mayor Nichols be authorized and directed to sign up for a city W.P.A. project for a gymnasium and armory. Alderman Dufelmeier seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Dill moved that steps be taken to employ Ritterbush Bros. of Bismarck, North Dakota, as architects."

Fred D. McCartney was appointed in April of 1941 to fill out the unexpired term of J. E. Bunday as city Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney have three children; Mrs. Zella Voigt of Albert Lea, Minnesota; Marshall O. of Two Rivers, Wisconsin; and Clayton Fred of Antigo, Wisc. Fred D. McCartney is presently the president of the First National Bank in Oakes.

Mayor Nichols appointed Clifford M. Hagen Chief of Police in February of 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have three children; Dorothy, George and Morris. Dorothy is a high school senior and the boys are in elementary school.

In March of 1942, C. D. Prentice became a member of the council from third ward, taking the place of Glenn V. Dill, who had declined to serve again. Besides the sons already mentioned, Mr. Dill's only sister, Mrs. George Lyon, is living near him in this city. Mr. Prentice owned the Coast to Coast Store at that time. They now reside in Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Prentice have two children: a son, Dr. Keith, is an optometrist in Jamestown, and their daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Willingham, lives in California.

During these years much discussion is given to the possibilities and potentialities of an air port. A. O. Foster appeared at meetings.

In the fall of 1943, Albert F. Klein tendered his resignation as city auditor. A bonus gift of \$50.00 was presented to Mr. Klein as a gesture of gratitude for faithful service. Mr. and Mrs. Klein have three children: Rev. Richard Klein of Hillsboro; Elizabeth, a college student; and James in elementary work at our city school. Frank Gorder was the mayor's selection as replacement. Mrs. Gorder lives in Oakes in this jubilee year and has a large class in piano. Mrs. Jean Larson, her older daughter, also is here. Her younger daughter, Mrs. Doris Bruskrud, lives in Los Angeles. Her only son, Charles, a lawyer, is a Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy with his home in San Diego.

Alderman Johanneson moved that the following resolution be adopted:

"Whereas in consideration of permission granted to the city of Oakes, North Dakota, by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, to erect, maintain and use a tower and fire siren at the city's expense. It is hereby resolved that the city of Oakes will hold said Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, harmless from any damage or expense arising by reason of erection, maintenance and use of said fire siren and tower." Quotation was in part from April, 1944, proceedings.

These paragraphs are quoted from the May, 1944, council minutes:

"Frank Smelser, local manager of the N. W. Bell Telephone, and H. C. Peterson and Martin Melby, representing the Fire Department appeared before the city council requesting that the streets and houses in Oakes be numbered. Mr. Smelser and his company would be glad to hold up the telephone book so as to get the house numbers printed in the book. Mr. Peterson explained the difficulty in finding the right house in case of fire. The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements."

"Mr. L. H. Parker and Frank Jacobchick appeared before the council relative to getting our streets cleaned up. After some discussion, it was decided that all merchants along the street should have their respective streets swept up in piles so it could be picked up each morning at 9:15."

CHAPTER 13

No new members of the city government came into office in the spring of 1946. However, that fall, owing to the fact that Mr. Price had moved from the third ward, a special election was held. The council proceedings read, "Whereas there is a vacancy in the office of the alderman from third ward, heretofore held by D. L. Price, and whereas it is necessary to hold a special election to elect an alderman for said vacancy until the next general city election, a special election is hereby called to fill such vacancy to be held November 5, 1946, in the high school building, city of Oakes, North Dakota. Said election is to be held and canvassed by the General Election Board on the said day and the city auditor is instructed to publish notice of such election."

Harold Pfaff was the choice of the people of the third ward to fill the vacancy. Mr. and Mrs. Pfaff have two sons, Jon and Gary. The family left Oakes a number of years later to make their home in Billings, Montana. It is understood at the time of this writing that Jon has a fine position in Seattle. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. Gary is a student of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

This same year a franchise was granted Ottertail Power Co. The company agreed to install new generating equipment of capacity at least adequate to protect electric service in the city of Oakes, its industries and inhabitants.

Alderman Pfaff moved in the June, 1947, meeting that a committee be appointed to establish free parking on the city property back of the Star Hotel, with correct markings and sufficient lighting provided. Alderman A. B. Carlson seconded, and the motion was carried and a committee appointed.

In the spring of 1948, the "Spirit of Oakes" was sold. The following was taken from the Oakes Times, January 21, 1937. "The 'Spirit of Oakes', city owned snow plow, served a useful purpose last weekend when, with 'Casey' Schnoor at the throttle, it opened the twenty-one miles of county road west to Highway 281. Mr. Schnoor and his assistants bucked drifts higher than the wings and made a track so clean that cars followed without the use of chains. Dickey county paid for the work and many there were, who voiced their approval of this cost, so minor in proportion to the good done. C. H. Hagen is chairman of the snow plow committee and is happy with the fine results obtained with Mr. Schnoor as engineer."

That same election had only two new members come into the city family, one being Kenneth Brossman, who was made Justice of the Peace.

Kenneth manages the Grand Theater and owns the Polar Bear. He is married to the former Kathryn Moe. The couple has two daughters, Karen and Diane, both high school students.

Frederick Sletvold was the new alderman from the Third Ward. Mr. Sletvold was a member of the North Dakota Artesian Well Company. He and Mrs. Sletvold have two children, boys. They at present live in the West.

Dr. Van Houten was named head of the Board of Health. Dr. and Mrs. Van Houten are the parents of Two Daughters: Mrs. Jane Hellen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Carol, Captain Carol to be exact, who is in Germany. She is a teacher of children whose parents are related to United States Armed forces.

As an alderman had moved from the city in the fall of 1948, a special election was held in the second ward and H. E. Tickner was the replacement. Mr. Tickner operates the Star Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Tickner have one daughter, Mrs. Betty Martin who resides in Oakes.

In May 2, 1949 minutes, Alderman Charles Prentice presented the following resolution and moved it adopted. Alderman H. E. Tickner seconded the motion and upon vote all members voted in favor thereof. Motion declared carried. RESOLUTION: WHEREAS THE Creator of the Universe has seen fit to take from our midst and from his active duties in the world our Beloved Mayor, James Franklin Nichols, who died at his home in Oakes from a heart attack on April 18, 1949; NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Oakes that a permanent record of his life be made and spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakes.

Our Mayor was born on August 14, 1887, at Waukon, Iowa. He was educated in the Oakes Public Schools and Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and the Dakota Business College at Fargo. His father moved his family in the vicinity of Oakes when Jim was a child. Jim as he was commonly called by both old and young, was very active in his school days in basketball and baseball and was Captain of his team. He was also a leader in dramatics.

His business life can be summed up as follows: After completing his business course at the Dakota Business College, he was employed by the Oakes National Bank, and very soon the Oakes Rental and Insurance Agency was formed by a combination of the E. J. Walton Insurance Agency and the Marshall-McCartney Company, of which Jim was made manager. Later on he acquired both the E. J. Walton Agency and the Marshall-McCartney Company so that he was sole owner of the Oakes Insurance Agency. He was also engaged in the financing of automobiles and such articles. He acquired a reputation of being the best collector on that line. Jim was also an active member of the Methodist Church and its Treasurer for many years up to the time of his death. He had long played an important part in the business interest of the city. He was an active member of the Lions Club and the Masonic Bodies. He was elected Mayor of the City of Oakes in 1938, and was successively re-elected and had but one year lacking two days to serve of his last term. He had many dreams for the improvement of the City of Oakes, such as sewer extension and

sewer disposal, of paved streets and a much-needed city auditorium, but owing to the former indebtedness of the city and its debt limit, the matters could not be financed during his terms. However, under his very wise direction, the indebtedness of the city has been reduced to such an amount that it is hoped that in the very near future, Jim's dreams for the improvement and beautification of the city of Oakes will have become a reality.

He was united in marriage with Pearly Fenton June 2, 1909, from which union were born a daughter, Marjane, and a son, Hugh F., who are both residents of the city of Oakes.

The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church on April 21, 1949, with Rev. S. E. Bushendorf officiating, and his body was consigned to its last resting place by Masonic service, Dr. Fred Low of Bismarck, acting as Master.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be made a permanent record, by being spread upon the minutes of the city council of the city of Oakes, and a copy thereof furnished to his bereaved family to whom the city council of the city of Oakes extends its condolence and heartfelt sympathy.

Acting Mayor H. C. Petersen announced that all committee appointments and appointive city officials and city employees already made by Mayor Nichols would stand as made for the remainder of their terms.

H. C. Petersen was acting mayor until the spring election of 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen own the fine mens' clothing store on Main Street, known as "Pete's Clothing".

L. C. Mueller became mayor following acting Mayor Hans Petersen. Ivan Shafer was new alderman from first ward. R. M. Fatland became the new one from third ward. Mr. Fatland was an Implement Dealer. He and Mrs. Fatland had seven children. They are Mrs. LaVonne Kunz, Mrs. Myrtle Trett, and Mrs. Frances Shafer, all of Oakes, as is Mary Carol who is at present a college student at M.S.T.C., and John who is a student of the Oakes High School. Mrs. Irene Volland lives in Washington and Richard (Boy) is located in Riverside, California. Frank McLaughlin was again appointed street man. He and his mother reside on North Fifth Street.

Mr. Leon C. Mueller served as mayor of our fair city for two terms. He was elected in 1950 and reelected in 1954. L. C. Mueller (or Butch as he is more commonly known) came here in 1934 from South Dakota, where he had worked for the state. Butch and his brother Dell purchased the local Ford Agency on his arrival here, and Mr. L. C. Mueller is still active in the operation of this business. Butch has been a great co-ordinator and very active in local, county, and state affairs. For several years he served as a member and clerk of the local park board and was very active in the erection of our modern swimming pool. Up to the present time he has served three terms in the state Legislature as a representative of Dickey county. He was first elected in 1956, and was re-elected in 1958 and 1960. Mr. Mueller served as the first President of the North Dakota Water Users' Association that was organized in 1959 and is a past President of the North Dakota Reclamation Association.

Mr. Shafer has for years been one of our leading businessmen, owning the flourishing Shafer Seed Co. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have a daughter, Mrs. Iva Keacher, of California and a son, Wallace, who resides here and is engaged in the Implement business.

The old sewer was entirely inadequate. Besides, it was in need of repair. It led from the city limits to the James River with only a 15 inch pipe. It had for some time been unable to take care of the storm water. Therefore, another line was laid, a 36 inch one. That, in addition to the 15 inch one, has proven to be all that it was hoped it would be. The total cost of the project which included a main line running east and west through the city and laterals from it, was accomplished at a total cost of \$185,000. The contract for this program was signed in 1950. In 1961, as we look at the records, we find our city fathers did some careful planning as they have met the obligations each year and in 1967 they plan to have completed all payments.

George Margulies was appointed city attorney in 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Margulies have two daughters, Mrs. Joan Spicer of St. Paul and Mrs. Dawn Cottle of Minneapolis.

Edward C. Larson was the new alderman from first ward for a four year term in 1952. Mr. Larson is the owner of Our Own Hardware in Oakes. He is married to the former Jean Gorder and the couple has two children - a son Chris and a daughter, Lindsay Jean.

N. J. Stenstadvold came into the council as a new member from second ward. Norry, as he is so well known, is owner of Oakes Dry Cleaners. Mr. and Mrs. Stenstadvold have a son, Jerry, a sophomore at the University of North Dakota and a music major, and they also have a daughter, Jane, in elementary school.

That same year gave the second ward M. O. Peterson as a new member of the city council. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson operated the Fairway Store. This couple was in our city only a few years; they were highly respected by our citizens.

CHAPTER 14

On June 19 of 1951, a special meeting of the council was held with all members present. The reason ?? It was the dogs again, the perennial problem. Present also at the meeting were Dr. Van Houten, Dr. Wolfe, Dr. Montgomery and Walter Pfeifer.

Mayor Mueller explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the dog problem in regard to the spread of rabies. Walt Pfeifer told that he was called to a farm home because their dog had died. He took the remains to Fargo and the laboratory test showed the animal had died from rabies. Dr. Montgomery explained the disease as did Dr. Van Houten and Dr. Wolfe. Quotation follows: "After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman Sletvold that the mayor hire a man to try to register every dog in the city and instruct every dog owner to confine all dogs by tying them up according to the city ordinance. Alderman Ivan Shafer seconded the motion and upon vote all members voted in favor thereof.

The mayor appointed Alderman Shafer to help him find a good man for the job. Dr. Van Houten was instructed to write up an article to put in The Oakes Times. Meeting adjourned."

One would think that such concentrated determination on the part of our legal and medical authorities would throw fear into the dogs. Not so; they do not feel rejected. Even in this jubilee year, some of them continue to romp over flower beds and bark. Lovers of flowers and yards register their complaints. Lovers of dogs come to rescue the pets, and so time marches on.

The same summer Mayor Mueller appointed H. M. Robins to be Justice of the Peace. Mr. Robins owned the Robins apartment house and also operated a plumber's business. Mr. and Mrs. Robins had five children, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Washington; Mrs. Goldie Sauer, Bismarck; Laverne Ulmer, Oakes; Mrs. Vivian Mairs, Lisbon; and Ed Robins, Oakes.

Minutes of August, 1952, "Alderman Ed C. Larson moved that a partition be run across the City Hall for the city council and city Auditor's office. Alderman Shafer seconded the motion and upon vote all members voted in favor thereof. Motion carried."

The next month's minutes read in part: "Mayor Mueller appointed Aldermen M. O. Peterson and Ed C. Larson to meet with City Attorney George Margulies to draw up "The Trailer Court Ordinance".

Martin O. Jacobs, as mentioned in writing of the '20's, was an alderman from first ward. During the month of April in the jubilee year, this letter came from the former Helen Jacobs:

Moorhead, Minn.
April 16, 1961

Dear Friend,

In answering your letter to my father in regard to the Oakes Jubilee, let me say he was so happy to be remembered. He is quite lonesome since my mother died, but he is well and always in good spirits. It gives him such a lift to hear from old friends. He lives in his own apartment in the same building in Moorhead with my sister, Mrs. Emma Fiseth, and myself. Vern, our brother, lived in Bismarck. Dad has seven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Mom died four years ago this coming 19th of August.

Best of luck to you and your jubilee. Love the beards!

Sincerely,
Helen Rosenberg
(Mrs. Ralph Rosenberg)

In this spring of 1954, Mayor Mueller appointed Robert DuRand as Inspector for the city of T.W. and Propane Gas installations. Mr. and Mrs. DuRand have three children: Ronald, Donna and Carol.

The minutes of a special meeting of the city council which was held on March 8, is recorded as follows: "The members of the city council met in special session duly called on Monday, March 8, 1954, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

Upon roll call the following members responded present: Mayor L. C. Mueller, Aldermen Fred Sletvold, Ivan Shafer, R. M. Fatland, N. J. Stenstadvold, Ed C. Larson and George Margulies, City Attorney. There were also in attendance at this meeting the following members of the Fire Dept.: Ray Schmit, Ed C. Christensen, Glenn LeMier, Willys Johnson and C. M. Hagen.

The topic of discussion was that of providing a Rural Fire Department. Chief Glenn LeMier explained the various ways that a rural Fire Department could be handled by the surrounding townships.

Mayor Mueller also explained that a fire truck used just in the city would last much longer than one that was being used on country roads. There was further discussion pro and con. However, no official action was taken at this meeting." Some time later, the rural fire protection was established.

In the spring election of 1954, officers are recorded as follows: L. C. Mueller for mayor; Ivan Shafer, Alderman; Howard Blazer, Raymond Schmit, Ed C. Christensen, Treasurer; H. A. Pfaff, Justice of the Peace; and Floyd I. Ferguson, Police Magistrate.

Mr. Christensen is owner of the Christensen Insurance Agency. His home is on North Fourth Street.

Mr. Ferguson is our Post Master. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson live on Eighth Street South.

Mr. Schmit was with Gamble's during his years in Oakes. We no longer have this fine family with us, as they have moved to Bowman, North Dakota. They have two children, Kenneth and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blazer live on North Second Street. They have one daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Young, who lives at Quelp. Mr. Blazer is our City Assessor at the present time and employed by Phillips "66" Service Station.

In the fall of 1954, Mr. Gorder resigned as auditor because of ill health and Mayor Mueller, with the approval of the council, appointed Mrs. Irene Olthoff to fill the vacancy.



IVAN SHAFER

Mayor When Oakes is 75 Years Old

Ivan Shafer was born at Gregory, So. Dak., and came to Oakes with his parents in 1912. Two years later they moved to a farm in Hudson township. He was married in 1926 to Irene Senada Huber and to them were born two children, Iva and Wallace. The family moved to Oakes in 1934. Ivan was elected alderman of the first ward and served until elected mayor in 1958.

Mayor Ivan Shafer wishes to express his appreciation through this Souvenir, **Checkered Minutes**. Success of any undertaking such as this July 2-3-4 Jubilee, comes from untiring efforts of many people. No one person or committee can do it. He hopes that at the time of our most important three days, those who live here and all who return, will remember what was done at the first July 4 celebration in Oakes: Everybody tried to see that everyone else had a good time!

CHAPTER 15

At the spring election of 1956, two new names appear elected for four year terms: Emmett Haugen from third ward and Quay Wells from first. Mr. Haugen was the city's cemetery sexton up to the time of election, when he resigned and Donald G. Baldwin was appointed. Mr. Haugen and Mr. Baldwin are partners in the Peterson Furniture Co. Mrs. Haugen is the former Lorraine Peterson and the couple has two children-Jane and Richard. Mrs. Baldwin is the former Georgia Peterson and the couple has two children also. They are Bradley Alan and Susan Marie.

Mr. Wells is the owner of the Wells Drug Co. He and Mrs. Wells have one daughter, Nancy, a junior in our local high school.

In June of 1956, Clarence Palish was appointed to fill the unexpired term of N. J. Stenstadvold, who had moved from second to third ward. Mr. and Mrs. Palish have moved from Oakes to Ladysmith, Wisconsin. They have two daughters, Jean and Jane.

This resolution we find in a special meeting called June 12, 1956: In as much as the bond issue has been approved by the voters of the city of Oakes, North Dakota, BE IT RESOLVED: That the city council of the city of Oakes, North Dakota, go on record as being wholly in favor of issuing bonds in the amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the purpose of erecting an armory, and the committee previously appointed go forward with the issuance and sale of the bonds.

At the February meeting of 1958: "Mayor L. C. Mueller declined to consider re-election in 1958, and the new mayor became Ivan Shafer. A new officer for a two year term was Donald M. McDougall, Justice of the Peace. Another was G. G. Gense, appointed City Attorney and H. W. Thompson became night policeman. Alderman Ed C. Larson became president of the council."

Mr. McDougall is a partner of McDougall & Krause Co. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall have four children, Robert, who is a student at the University of Grand Forks, and Julianne, Jon and Jan, who are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thompson have four children: Captain Helmer W. Thompson, Fort Bragg, N. Carolina; Mrs. Delores Hamilton, Park Forest, Illinois; Mrs. Phyllis Swan, Fargo, North Dakota; and Richard T. Thompson, who is in the Armed Forces at Edwards Air Force base, Calif.

From the minutes of July, 1958, we find: "Mayor Ivan Shafer appointed Forrest G. Gottschalk as alderman in the second ward to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Palish who had moved to the third ward."

Mr. and Mrs. Gottschalk moved to Oakes in 1946. Mr. Gottschalk was then employed by the Mueller Motor Company as salesman. At the present time he is a partner in the company. Mrs. Gottschalk is the former Meva Mueller. The couple has four daughters: Sandra, junior high; Frances, 6th grade; Sharyl, 2nd grade; and Gail, 5 years of age.

Special council meeting July 23, 1958:

Clarence Palish was appointed as alderman in the third ward to fill the vacancy of Ray Schmit until the next city election.

Taken from the minutes of the May, 1959, meeting:

"Alderman H. C. Petersen representing the Fire Department asked if the city would be willing to pay a share of a two-way radio unit, through the Civil Defense, to be installed in the city fire truck. Alderman Gottschalk moved that the city pay one-fourth of the cost of a two-way to be installed in the city fire truck. Alderman Haugen seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor thereof."

Short wave was installed at the time the Oakes Fire Department organized the rural fire department. This was to make it convenient to get in touch with the fire trucks when called into the country. It is one of the more powerful short wave stations. The antenna is located on top of the Oakes water tower, and the height is approximately 160 feet. The receivers and transmitters are located in the City Hall. Three fire trucks and the police car are also equipped.

Also in May of 1959, the minutes record:

"Because of the many duties of C. M. Hagen as Superintendent of Public Works in addition to being Chief of Police, he has offered his resignation as Chief of Police to donate more time to his other duties.

Mayor Ivan Shafer appointed Glenn LeMier as Chief of Police. Motion by Alderman H. C. Petersen, seconded by Alderman Emmett Haugen that this appointment be approved. Upon vote all members voted in favor thereof."

Mr. and Mrs. LeMier have two sons: Maynard of Minnesota and Harlan, associated with the Shafer Seed Co. here in Oakes.

In July of 1959, Mayor Ivan Shafer appointed Hugh Nichols as Alderman from the third ward to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Palish who had moved from the city. Mr. Nichols and his brother-in-law, Harry Klundt, are owners of the Oakes Insurance Agency. Hugh is a son of our former Mayor, J. F. Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have three children: Timothy and Vicki Lynn in elementary school and Hugh Bryan at home.

A letter of resignation was offered to the city council by Mrs. Irene (Olthoff) Swanson in February of 1960. She and her new husband, Oscar Swanson, and her son Richard moved to Fallbrook, California to make their home. In March, Mayor Ivan Shafer, with the approval and motion of the council, appointed Mrs. Cynthia DuBois as City Auditor. Francis Kelsh as Police Magistrate was also new in the spring of 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. DuBois have four children: Mrs. Kenneth Kraft of Miles City, Montana; Ray, a student at N.D.S.U. of Fargo; Claudia, a student at Moorhead State College, and Kenneth at home.

Cy Kelsh, as we all know him, is employed by Otter Tail Power Co. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsh have three children: Margaret, Kathy, and Thomas all at home.

Later in 1960, Glen Hudson was appointed night policeman. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have two daughters, Debra Mae and Bonnie Kay.

CHAPTER 16

Let us turn our thoughts again to the beginning chapter of "Checkered Minutes." There we read that J. W. Lucas was our first treasurer. It was noted that he was replaced in 1892. As this very closing chapter was being written, Mr. Fred D. McCartney called attention to the fact that a Ward Lucas, native of Winona, Minnesota, had just passed away suddenly in Rome, Italy. The Minneapolis paper's tributes to him were noteworthy. At the suggestion of Mr. McCartney that this Mr. Lucas was a relative, perhaps a nephew, of our first treasurer, a letter was sent to the widow at Winona. Her secretary replied by return mail assuring us that Ward Lucas was indeed a close relative, in fact a son, of John William Lucas. The secretary informed further that under separate cover she was sending a copy of the Winona Daily News which carried an excellent picture of Ward Lucas and lengthy article concerning his abilities and attainments. It is here summarized:

Ward Lucas was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, in December of 1892. His parents brought him to Winona in 1894, as his father had accepted a position in the mill of Winona Lumber Company.

When Ward had completed grade school, his father entered him at Shattuck in Fairbault. After that, he went to Phillips Academy, Andover, for a year. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1915 with a bachelor of arts degree in history and government. While at the above school and always as an excellent student, he engaged in varsity sports and athletics. During summers Ward worked at lumber yards, and after graduation from Harvard he became second man at the Hayes-Lucas Yard in Owatonna. He became manager of the yard at Redfield, S. Dak. in 1916.

Lucas served as a captain in the army during World War I, leading a company in the fighting in France.

He was now a member of his father's firm, Hayes-Lucas Lumber Co., and was named vice-president after his return home from the war.

Through the years that have passed he has been a director of Winona General Hospital, a director of Winona Y.M.C.A. and the Public Library. He has been a member of the advisory board of St. Mary's College, Winona, committee of Founders, Mayo Memorial Fund, Selective Service Board of Winona from 1940 to 1946 (as his father had been at the time of World War I), Minnesota Postwar, council chairman from 1944 to 1946, trustee of Carleton College, Northfield, from 1941 until the present time, president of Northwestern Coal Dealers Association, and a member of the Newcomen Society.

Lucas's talents for fair play were put to work by Gov. Edward J. Thye in March, 1944, when he was appointed as the impartial investigator to hear ten grievances of University of Minnesota non-academic employees.

The recommendations, praised by many for fairness and thoroughness, were accepted by the regents.

Following World War II, there was a fear of recessions as a result of the end of hostilities. Many postwar planning groups were formed. One of these was formed in Minnesota, and Ward Lucas was named chairman of the council by Gov. Edward Thye in 1944.

Two and a half years later, when Chairman Lucas submitted his resignation to Gov. Thye, he said in part: "The nobility, if you please, of these objectives and the long hard road of even their partial attainment, evidence a high encompassing idealism, and cannot conceivably be promoted, let alone understood, by the average specialized administrative state agency. The people themselves must get into the fight for world wide peace, and make their hopes and convictions known to their representatives."

Ward Lucas had become president of Hayes-Lucas firm in 1938, and was named chairman of the board in 1958. He died on April 20, 1961, in Rome, Italy, where he was vacationing with his wife. They were visiting a son, Dr. John Samuel, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ward Gunther, in that city.

The father of the above distinguished citizen was, as was stated earlier, our first city treasurer. J. W. Lucas was agent for the North Star Lumber Co. and associated with him was Otis Botsford. These two were close friends of H. Clay McCartney. One of the favorite sports of these eligible young bachelors was the hunting of prairie chicken. More than one year, Clay's younger brother, Fred, (now President McCartney of the First National Bank) came from Kansas to join the group in their safaris!

In an earlier chapter, the minutes revealed that separate ballot boxes were prepared for men and women. The reason for that was a mystery, so we wrote to North Dakota's Attorney General, Leslie R. Burgum. He replied promptly and we quote from his letter:

"The legislative assembly in 1917 passed Chapter 254, which provided that all women citizens of the United States of the age of twenty-one or upwards, who had resided in the state one year, the county six months, and the precinct ninety days next preceding election, should be allowed to vote at such election for presidential electors, county surveyors, county constables, and for all officers of cities, villages and towns, except police magistrates and city justices of the peace."

After pondering the above, it would not seem out of order to give a double hurrah for Susan B. Anthony and for the chivalrous men of our day who encouraged and urged us to vote for all offices.

So far as the Jubilee Sovenir book, "Checkered Minutes", is concerned. The last book of council proceedings, as recorded by city auditors, is closed with the meeting of May 1, 1961. The eight people who regularly attend meetings at this time are: Mayor Ivan Shafer, Aldermen Quay Wells, Edward C. Larson, H. C. Petersen, Forrest Gottschalk, Emmett Haugen, Hugh Nichols, and Mrs. Cynthia DuBois, City Auditor.

The first pages of this volume tell of the naked prairie that existed where our lovely little city now stands. Let us briefly summarize what is here today: beautiful homes and spacious, tree-lined, black-topped streets, and an unlimited supply of pure water.

We also have a fine public school system and public library, fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, with a faculty that numbers 29. A new building was erected in 1960 to house elementary school with a kindergarten also included in the new school plan. Our St. Charles Parochial School enrolls 100 students.

The hotel, motel, movie theatre, newspaper, radio station, and all lines of business represented are under progressive management.

Nine fine churches play vital roles in our community life. The Oakes Community Hospital plus four doctors, a dentist, optometrist, and chiropractor afford unsurpassed health service.

Recreational facilities include a swimming pool, lighted ball park, parks for picnickers, skating rink in the winter months. The National Guard Armory offers facilities for large gatherings. We also have a new six-lane bowling alley and a nine hole golf course only two miles from the city. Oakes is always a headquarter for hunters, since waterfoul and upland game abound in this area.

Now we have paved roads that lead in all directions also.

The work of the city council has been followed through these past many years by way of these leather bound volumes from the city hall vault.

One reading those minutes is impressed with the fact that councilmen must be much in earnest about our city, for what other reason would busy men undertake this time-consuming task as they do, serving practically without salary? (It would be a *misnomer* to call the pittance they receive a salary, wouldn't it?)



PUBLIC SCHOOL — 1887-1924

The middle unit was a school built in 1887 under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Schools.

The wings were added a number of years later. This building sufficed as our educational institution until 1924.



This is a picture of the fire of October 1907. Early in the book some doubt was expressed whether the fire went across the street. It is clearly shown in this picture that the fire did go across the street.

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